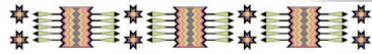




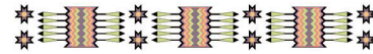
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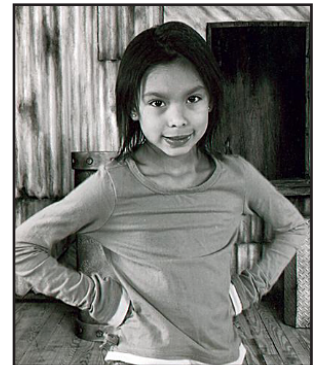
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Chickasaw Princess Pageant September 26 at Ada High

ADA, Okla. – Three young women will be selected Chickasaw royalty during the 2005-2006 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. The pageant is set for 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Chickasaw Princess, Junior Chickasaw Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw will be announced during the ceremony. The new Chickasaw royalty will begin their reigns a few days later when Chickasaw Na-

tion Governor Bill Anoatubby crowns them at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

Princess candidates are judged on interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, answering random questions, talent competition and poise on stage.

The royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across Oklahoma and the U.S.

The Chickasaw princesses

have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

Current Chickasaw royalty completing their reigns are Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall, Junior Chickasaw Princess Tesia Worcester and Little Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson.

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Chickasaw Princess Candidates

Janessa Monetathchi



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Janessa Dusk Monetathchi is the 18-year-old daughter of Dusk and Melanie Cravatt Monetathchi. She is a senior at Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla.

"Why I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess"

I have found that I enjoy helping and serving people, especially our elders and fellow youth. With my life I hope to demonstrate positive morals and uncompromising faith. Serving as a role model in the position of Chickasaw Princess, I hope to influence and encourage people to excel in the positive things they do.

Our family is full of unique traditions. One of them is sitting around the table at night and just talking about our day. That time is important to us. When I am an elder and have great-grandchildren, I still want to have some of the same precious traditions that I have experienced.

In the summer of 2005 I chose to spend nine weeks as an intern for Kamikaze Ministries. I learned so much serving with the other 29 interns. One specific thing they taught me was not to look at the way people may appear physically but instead look at their heart. I am not only going to serve the people physically but I will serve them with good heart. My motive for the

people will be positive no matter how tired I may get. God uses the joy of serving as strength to the people as well as me.

I have never drunk alcohol or smoked tobacco and I am waiting till I am married to have sex. I want young women and men to know that you don't have to do negative things to be or feel important. They can still have fun without hurting themselves and/or other people. I want to be a bolder encouragement for everyone to live positive lives.

Helping and serving people especially our elders and youth, are things that I have found that I enjoy. To demonstrate positive morals is something I strive to do. I want encourage youth by serving as a role model in the position of Chickasaw Princess.

Tamela Alexander



Tamela Alexander

Tamela Annette Chasity Alexander is the 17-year-old daughter of Bill and Lillian Alexander. She is a senior at Amber-Pocasset High School, Amber, Okla.

"Why I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess"

Throughout my life the Chickasaw Nation has given me so much...a lifetime of memories,

a feeling of honor and pride for myself, as well as taught me to be an ambassador for my nation. In becoming your 2005-2006 Chickasaw Princess it will enable me to give back to my tribe and open a doorway for new opportunities. My fellow peers have always looked to me as a great leader and an outstanding role model. I believe these are exceptional traits for a Chickasaw princess.

In previous years, I was elected as the 1999-2000 Little Miss Chickasaw and also the 2002-2003 Jr. Chickasaw Princess. Being an ambassador for my nation was a great honor for me. I learned a lot about my heritage that I never knew. But I realized that many of our traditions are dying out. There are only a few people who know the Chickasaw language or even attend cultural stomp dances. If we do not become involved and

teach the upcoming generation our beliefs and customs, where will our nation stand in the next ten years! I feel that it is vital to preserve our traditions, so that these traditions are never lost or forgotten.

If selected as the 2005-2006 Chickasaw Princess I will be able to lead my generation and speak out on current issues involving our youth today. Many people do not realize the pressures that teens are faced with from day to day. I think these years are a very crucial time in a person's life when many important decisions are beginning to effect the outcome of our futures. By observing a positive role model, beneficial guidance may be obtained. Please allow me the opportunity of representing our Great Nation, as well as myself, as the 2005-2006 Chickasaw Princess.

Thank you (yaho)

Chickasaw Junior Princess Candidates

Dancing Star Frazier



Dancing Star Frazier

Dancing Star Frazier is the 12-year-old daughter of George Frazier, Jr., and Sonya Scott Frazier. She is a seventh grader at Ada Junior High School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be the Chickasaw Junior Princess"

Hello. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Fichik Hita (Dancing Star) Frazier. I am twelve years old. I attend Ada

Junior High School as a seventh grade student. My parents are George and Sonya (Scott) Frazier. I am the oldest of four children. I like spending time with my family and participating in activities such as volleyball and softball.

I am a direct descendant of Houston Stick, Sr., a full-blood Chickasaw. I am more than 1/4 Chickasaw.

My parents and family have always encouraged me to learn all I can about being Native American. Should I be chosen Chickasaw Junior Princess I will strive to gain more knowledge of my Chickasaw heritage, and do my best to teach my peers about our proud history and culture.

I will continue to listen to my elders and do my best to understand what being a Chickasaw means to me and my life.

In the future I want to achieve the American dream, but also the Chickasaw dream.

Ashley Hamilton



Ashley Hamilton

Ashley Dawn Hamilton is the 15-year-old daughter of Stephen and Reba (Perry) Hamilton. She is a tenth grader at Byng High School, Byng, Okla.

"Why I would like to be the Chickasaw Junior Princess"

I think it would be a nice experience from my every day life and I would like very much to represent the Chickasaw Nation. This would be my way of thanking the Nation for all the help they have given the Indian Families of this great Nation.

I really want to participate for this because I think and know I'll try my very best to fulfill my dreams for today and everyday hereafter. This would just make me happy to know I did it. And to be someone my little sister, Kelsey can look up to.

And I want to say that when I received this in the mail, I said I would never run for princess. But here I am trying my very best to be the junior princess for the Chickasaw Nation of 2005-2006.

I am so happy to be able to run for princess and if I get this it would be an honor for me. I am 15 1/2 and I do not smoke or use alcohol. My big time is Lazer Zone and movies.

As a matter-of-fact, if I do or no not win, it would make me happy to just be a part of it.

If I were selected as Junior Princess, I would not only be representing the Chickasaw Nation buy my own family and Hamilton relatives as well.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Candidates

Kelsie Huffman



Kelsie Huffman

Kelsie Cheyenne Huffman is the 15-year-old daughter of William Huffman and Angela (Reed) Smith. She is in the tenth grade at Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla.

“Why I would like to be the Chickasaw Junior Princess”

I would like to be the next Chickasaw Junior Princess for many reasons. One of the rea-

sons is that I believe that I could represent the Great Chickasaw Nation by being a role model for young Chickasaw girls. If I got the title of Chickasaw Junior Princess, I would attend every event held and I would show honor for our great leaders of the Chickasaw Nation. I believe that the Governor plays an important role in the Chickasaw government. I would like to be one of the people that have the honor of being with the Governor at social events and being able to associate with him. I believe that if I am chosen for this title, I would respect it by volunteering to help with as many programs as I can. I hope to help the Chickasaw Nation by listening to what the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation have to say and what they are concerned about and I would bring it forth to the Governor to see what his point on the issue

is. Being Chickasaw is very important to me and I'm proud to be a part of this great tribe. I'm a Christian and a member at Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church in Connerville. I believe that if I receive the title of Chickasaw Junior Princess, it would be a great opportunity to witness to youth about the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope to get this position as Chickasaw Junior Princess so I can make new friends in the process. I know that if I get this role, the other princesses and I would keep the Chickasaw ways alive for the citizens of the present and of the future.

Jaisen Monetathchi



Jaisen Monetathchi

Jaisen Kerry Monetathchi is the 15-year-old daughter of Dusk and Melanie Cravatt Monetathchi. She is in the tenth grade at Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla.

“Why I would like to be the Chickasaw Junior Princess”

If I am chosen to be Jr. Miss

Chickasaw, I will represent my Chickasaw people well, and be an inspiration to young women who also may want to someday serve as Chickasaw royalty.

I have seen the princesses riding in parades and signing the Lord's Prayer at important events, representing me and all who are Chickasaw. I am glad we have royalty to demonstrate our culture old traditions and new ones.

We are all ambassadors by the way we live everyday. The way we feel about who we are is the first thing people notice. I love answering questions people ask when I tell them I am Native American and predominantly Chickasaw. I always hope to leave them with a good impression of who the Chickasaw people are. I will teach others as I learn if I am chosen to be 2005-2006 Jr. Miss Chickasaw.

Little Miss Chickasaw Candidates

Whitney Christie



Whitney Christie

Whitney Shea Christie is the seven-year-old daughter of Carla Jo Johnson. She attends the second grade at Tishomingo Elementary School, Tishomingo, Okla.

“Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw”

Hello my name is Whitney Shea Christie. I am seven years

old. I have three younger sisters. I live in Tishomingo and go to Tishomingo Grade School. I'm in the second grade. I am 31/64 Chickasaw. I'm also a member of the Chickasaw Boys and Girls Club of Tishomingo. I enjoy dancing, singing and reading. I also enjoy playing soccer. I have been playing since I was 4-years-old. I also played t-ball and took cheerleading.

With the privilege of being the “Little Miss Chickasaw” I would be able to travel and meet new faces while learning more about my heritage and where I come from. So I can talk to friends and family about what I learned.

I'm very outgoing and respectful to others, and willing to try new things. That's why I believe I should be the next “Little Miss Chickasaw.”

Faithlyn Seawright



Faithlyn Seawright

Faithlyn Taloa Seawright is the seven-year-old daughter of Larry Seawright and Gwen Burris. She is the second grade at Latta Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

“Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw”

Halito! I am Faithlyn Taloa Seawright. I am seven years old and am in the second grade at

Latta Elementary School. My mother is Gwen Burris and my father is Larry Seawright. I have two brothers, a little sister and a cat named Fiona.

I love going to school and I even go to summer school. When I attended Chickasaw Nation Head Start, I received a special Perfect Attendance award for not missing a single day of school during the two years I went there.

I would like to be the Little Miss Chickasaw so I can be a positive example to other Chikasha children that it's important to do your best in school even when you're involved in other activities. This past school year I was on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for making all A's and a member of the ABBITT Honor Society while also taking ballet classes, piano lessons and playing in a basketball league. I know that if I am selected as the Little Miss Chickasaw, I need to be a good role model and make good grades in addition

to representing the Chickasaw Nation.

I also enjoy going to powwows and dancing in them; I like dancing in my pretty jingle dress along with other kids my age. Wearing the Little Miss Chickasaw crown in the powwow arena and at other events will give me the chance to proudly show others that I am Chickasaw and that I represent the Chickasaw Nation.

As the Little Miss Chickasaw, I will have more opportunity to be among my Chickasaw people to learn more of my culture and language. My middle name is Taloa and that is the Chikasha word for “song.” I have also danced with the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe and have helped my mom and auntie make frybread. I call my grandmother “Pokni” and I attend her church where Chickasaw/Choctaw hymns are sung. My late mafo

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Little Miss Chickasaw Candidates

Kacie Seeley



Kacie Seeley

Kacie Cheyenne Seeley is the seven-year-old daughter of Justin Seeley and Stephanie (John) Scott.

She attends the second grade at Hayes Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

My name is Kacie Seeley. I am 7 years old. I am 23/32 Chickasaw.

I would like to be chosen as Little Miss Chickasaw Princess because I like to sing and talk to people.

I want to be able to go see different places and have lots of fun.

Krysten Wallace



Krysten Wallace

Krysten Rachelle Wallace is the seven-year-old daughter of Jason and Kristi (Poe) Wallace. She is in the first grade at Hayes Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little

Miss Chickasaw"

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My name is Krysten Rachelle Wallace and I would like to tell you why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw Princess. The main reason is because I would like to represent my tribe to the best of my ability. It would be a honor to be able to travel to different places and show other girls my age to be proud of who they are and to be proud of where they come from.

Also I would like to learn more about my culture and be able to tell other people about it. I would like to someday look back and at least be able to tell my family and friends that I once was the Little Miss Chickasaw Princess if I am chosen.

It would be a good learning experience for me so that I can learn more about my tribe and other tribes to.

Last of all I would like to say not all women and girls in the world are given or even able to stand in front of people and do the things that our Country has fought for us to be able to do as women and children. So as Chickasaw women and girls we should take every opportunity to show the people who we are and to show other people and other tribes who we are a Chickasaw citizens. If I'm chosen to represent the Chickasaw Nation as Little Miss Chickasaw Princess it would be a great honor not only to me but to my family and friends to.

Halley Taylor



Halley Taylor

Halley Rachelle Taylor is the 11-year-old daughter of Keith and Marsha (Fulsom) Taylor.

She is in the sixth grade at Byng Elementary School, Byng, Okla..

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

My name is Halley Taylor. I am 11 years old. I am in the sixth grade at Byng Elementary School. My hobbies are basketball and softball. I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw because I want to do things I have never done before and go places I've never been before.

I like to meet new people and make new friends. I want to learn more about my heritage. I will do my best to represent my tribe and make the Chickasaw people proud.

Autumn Underwood



Autumn Underwood

Autumn Michelle Underwood is the 11-year-old daughter of Michael Dean Underwood and Loraine Weems.

She is in the fifth grade at Homer Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

My name is Autumn Underwood and I am the daughter of Loraine Weems and Michael Underwood. I would like the opportunity to represent the Chickasaw Nation in a very positive way and that it would be a great learning experience for me. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Little Miss

Chickasaw and grow personally as I represent the Chickasaw Nation.

I believe in holding firm to our beliefs and traditions and wel-

come the opportunity to share those with the community. I'm an active member of Red Spring Methodist Church and I enjoy singing and basketball.

Faithlyn Seawright, continued

(grandfather) was a Presbyterian minister and he sometimes preached in Chickasaw. I can sing a children's song in Chickasaw and I will soon be attending Chickasaw language classes. I am already learning American Sign Language and can sing and sign "My Country 'Tis of Thee" song in this language.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me in preparing for the Little Miss Chickasaw Nation pageant. You have been very kind to me and if chosen as the Little Miss Chickasaw, I will be an honorable princess and smile and let people know that I am proud to represent my Chickasaw people. Yakoke!

2004-05 Chickasaw Royalty



From left, 2004-2005 Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall, Little Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson and Junior Chickasaw Princess Tesia Worchester ride in the 2004 Annual Parade.

Chickasaw Annual Meeting And Festival coming up!

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Now is the time to make plans to join thousands of Chickasaws and

friends for a week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage at the 45th Annual Meeting

of the Chickasaw Nation and the 17th Annual Chickasaw Festival September 24 through October 2.

A variety of exciting events designed to appeal to people of all ages and all walks of life have been scheduled to take place in Tishomingo, the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation, as well as Ada and Kullihoma stomp grounds.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the “State of the Nation” address 9 a.m., Saturday, October 1 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

“We look forward to another great festival,” Governor Anoatubby said. “We can spend time with our friends and fami-

lies celebrating the wonderful past, present and future of the Chickasaw Nation.”

Following the “State of the Nation” address, hundreds of spectators will line Tishomingo’s Main Street for the annual parade, which includes bands, floats, and a variety of other exciting entrants from across southern Oklahoma.

Other events scheduled for the day include the Chickasaw Traditional Lunch, cultural and dance troupe demonstrations, Chickasaw Artists exhibition, Band Day Extravaganza, horse-shoe tournament, and more.

Festival events and activities will be conducted on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol, Pennington Park,

Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

Several events have been scheduled to take place throughout the week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Junior Olympics, softball and golf tournaments, Hall of Fame Banquet, Youthful Celebration, cultural tours and demonstrations, kids’ “Fun to Learn” tent, senior arts and crafts tent, JC Riding Club rodeo, and a cultural evening at the Kullihoma stomp grounds.

For information about the 45th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 17th Annual Chickasaw Festival, call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.



Cultural Evening

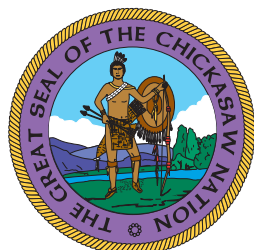
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Kullihoma

(7 miles northeast of Ada on Hwy. 1, then 3 miles east and 1 mile south)

Opening Ceremony 5:30 p.m.

- Chickasaw Honor Guard
- Welcome Address & Event Overview
- Demonstrations of American Indian crafts (on-going until 7:30)
- Stickball demonstrations (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)
- Children’s activity area
- Scout Night activities
- Marble games (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)

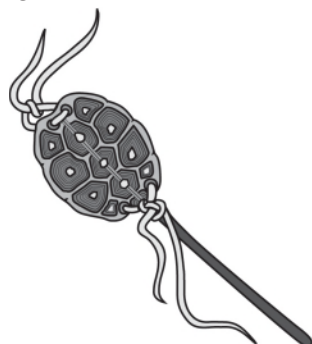


Free Dinner 5:30 p.m.

- Free meal of bar-b-que sandwiches and trimmings
- Demonstrations of American Indian crafts
- Children’s activity area
- Scout Night activities
- Marble games (5:30 - 6:30)
- Stickball demonstrations (5:30 - 6:30)

Special Ceremony 7 p.m.

- Stomp dance demonstrations
- Living History Players
- Demonstrations of American Indian crafts
- Self-guided tour of Chickasaw houses and corn crib
- Children’s activity area
- Scout Night activities



Celebrating Being Chickasaw - Quenna Harris

For additional information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation, (580) 421-9030.

2004-2005 Chickasaw Royalty



2004-2005 Chickasaw Royalty, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson, Junior Chickasaw Princess Tesia Worcester and Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall.

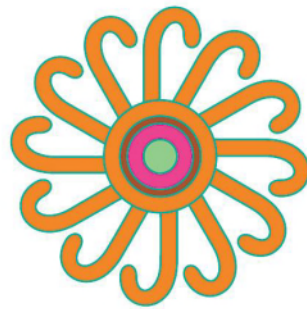


2004 - 2005 Chickasaw Royalty

Shelly Wall
Chickasaw Princess

Tesia Worcester
Junior Chickasaw Princess

Sesiley Robertson
Little Miss Chickasaw



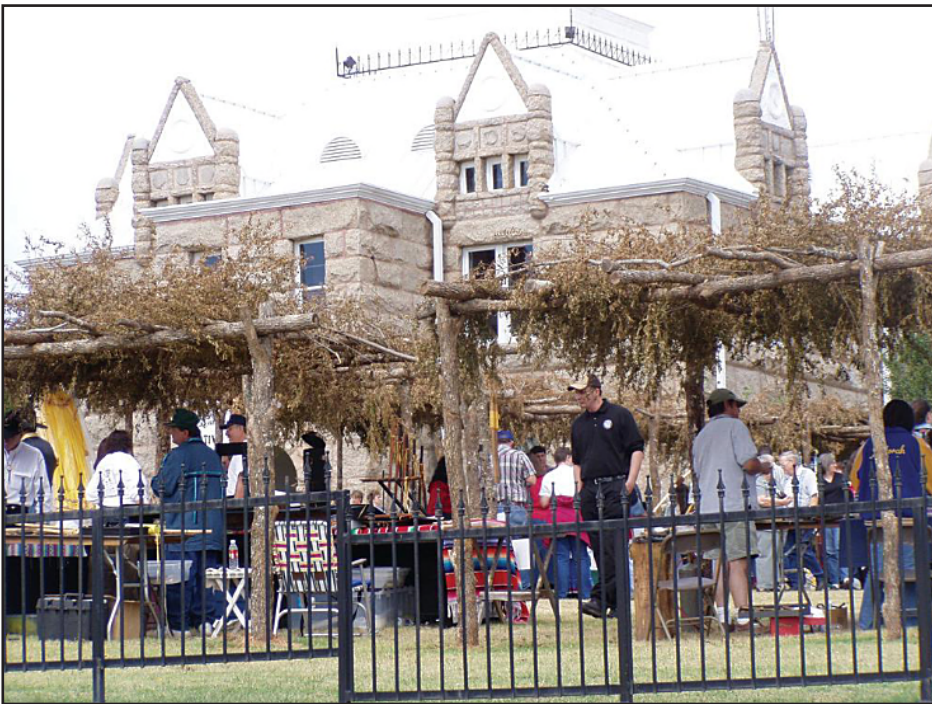


Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

Sept. 24

Oct. 2

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schedule of events.



2005 CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL



DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Saturday			
Sept. 24	9 am-2 pm	Jr. Olympics	THS
Sept. 24	9 am-until Finished	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC
Sept. 24	12:30 – until finished	Golf Tournament	Tishomingo Golf Course
Monday			
Sept. 26	6 pm	Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday			
Sept. 27	4 pm – 8 pm	Cultural Evening	Kullihoma – Ada
Tuesday - Thursday			
Sept.27-Sept.29	8:30am-3 pm	Youthful Celebration	Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge
Tuesday - Friday			
Sept.27-Sept. 30	9 am-2 pm	Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds
Tuesday - Saturday			
Sept.27-Oct.1	9 am-2 pm	Kids' Fun to Learn Tent	Pennington Park
Wednesday - Friday			
Sept.28-Sept.30	9 am-2 pm	Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds
Thursday			
Sept. 29	6 pm	Hall of Fame Reception	Murray State College Ballroom
Friday - Saturday			
Sept.30- Oct. 1	8 pm	JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)
Sept.30-Oct.1	10:30 am – 4 pm	Chickasaw Artists Exhibition	Grounds behind Capitol
Friday - Sunday			
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	7 pm	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women's & Men's)	Jo. Co. Sports Complex/MSC
Saturday			
Oct. 1	8 am	Chickasaw Citizens Registration	MSC – Student Center One
Oct. 1	9 am-Until Finished	Chickasaw Annual Meeting	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC
Oct. 1	11:30 -5 pm	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
Oct. 1	11:30 –Until Finished	Parade	Main Street (Tishomingo)
Oct. 1	Noon – 5 pm	Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds
Oct. 1	Noon	Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus
Oct. 1	Noon –5 pm	Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park
Oct. 1	12:00-12:45pm	Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park
Oct. 1	1 pm	Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park
Oct. 1	1 pm –5 pm	Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds
Oct. 2	9 am - Until Finished	Finals of Fast Pitch Tournament	MSC/JCSC



MSC = Murray State College
JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS= Tishomingo High School

For additional information about the 2005 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.

2005 CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL